

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Concurrent Resolution

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, and Pollina,

By Representatives Koch of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Taylor of Barre City,

S.C.R. 46. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the People's Health and Wellness Clinic on its 20th anniversary.

Whereas, the People's Health and Wellness Clinic (PHWC) in Barre has a special role in the provision of health care for area residents who are either underinsured or uninsured, and

Whereas, although patients are not charged, individuals are asked to contribute a small donation, and

Whereas, the clinic screens patients to determine their eligibility for various health insurance and financial assistance programs, and

Whereas, dozens of health care professionals, including doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, mental health providers, and body workers, volunteer their services and work in collaboration with a small paid staff, and

Whereas, aside from these dedicated and caring volunteers, the PHWC receives thousands of dollars of donated pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and free diagnostic testing support, and

Whereas, through a new oral health care program, the clinic refers patients to volunteer dental professionals, and

Whereas, although it serves patients primarily from Washington County and several Orange county towns, in 2013, persons from 49 communities availed themselves of the PHWC's outstanding care, and

Whereas, the PHWC's women's clinic, conducted in collaboration with Central Vermont Medical Center, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and Ladies First, offers breast exams, mammograms, and Pap tests, and

Whereas, the spring 2011 floods in Barre damaged the clinic's offices, but it was able to remain open through Central Vermont Medical Center's generous donation of temporary space, and

Whereas, although operating this free clinic is financially challenging, especially as a result of the costs related to the flooding, the People's Health and Wellness Clinic remains dedicated to its mission of providing health care in central Vermont for those with no alternative, and

Whereas, the People's Health and Wellness Clinic observed its 20th anniversary in March 2013, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the People's Health and Wellness Clinic on its 20th anniversary, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the People's Health and Wellness Clinic in Barre.